



CS 639: Foundation Models **Deep Learning II**

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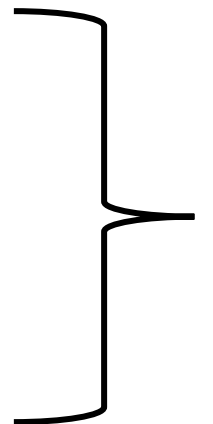
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Announcements

- Midterm: **Weds. March 11th**
 - HW 1: Coming out **next Thursday**
- Resources**
 - <https://www.deeplearningbook.org/> : Solid intro to DL
- Class roadmap:

Thursday Jan. 20	Deep Learning II
Tuesday Feb. 3	Self-Supervised Learning
Thursday Feb. 5	Guest Lecture
Tuesday Feb. 10	Transformers and Attention I



Start FMs and Arch

Outline

- **Convolutional Neural Networks**
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How to classify Cats vs. dogs?

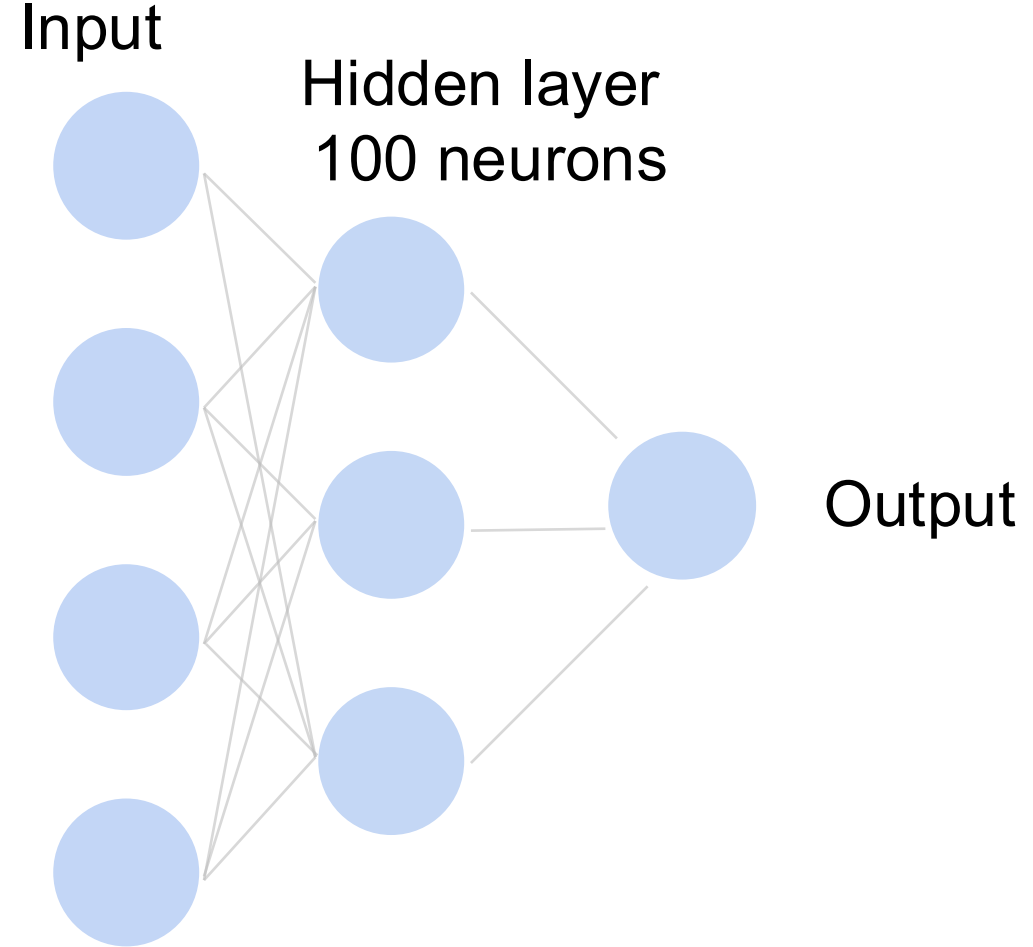


Dual
12MP
wide-angle and
telephoto cameras

**36M floats in a RGB
image!**

Fully Connected Networks (From Last Time)

Cats vs. dogs?



$\sim 36\text{M elements} \times 100 = \sim \mathbf{3.6B}$ parameters!

2-D Convolution

Input

0	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

Kernel

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2	3

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Output

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37	43

$$0 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 4 \times 3 = 19$$

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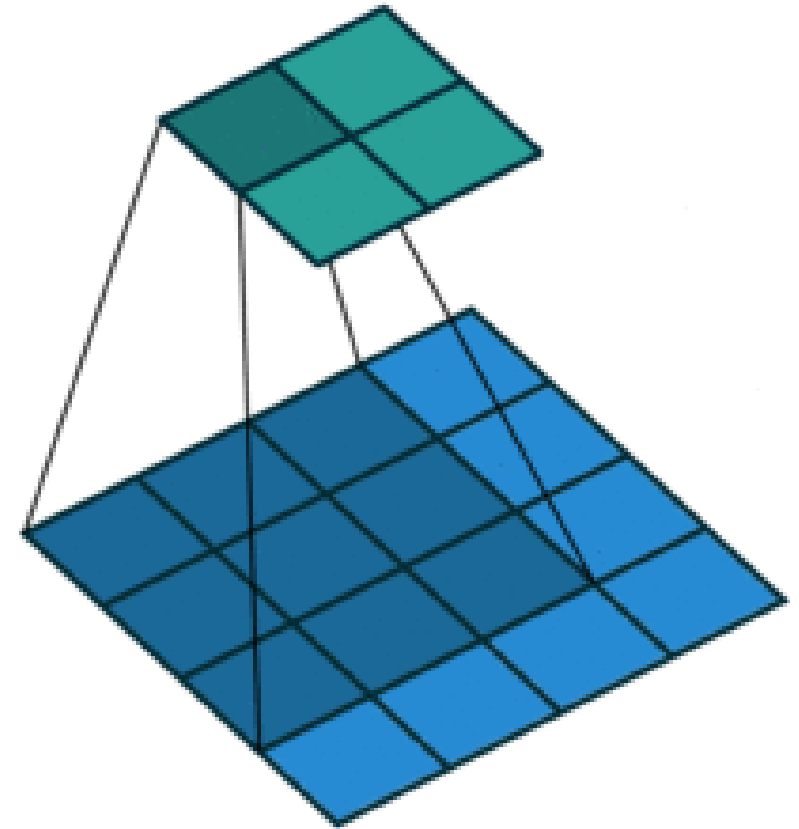
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(vdumoulin@ Github)

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Neural Networks: Convolution Layers

- Notation:
 - $X: n_h \times n_w$ input matrix
 - $W: k_h \times k_w$ kernel matrix
 - b : bias (a scalar)
 - $Y: () \times ()$ output matrix
- As usual W, b are learnable parameters

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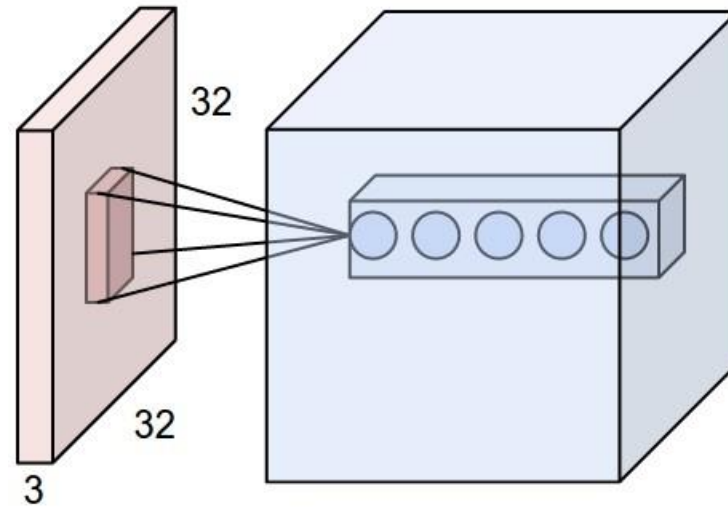
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Neural Networks: Convolution NNs

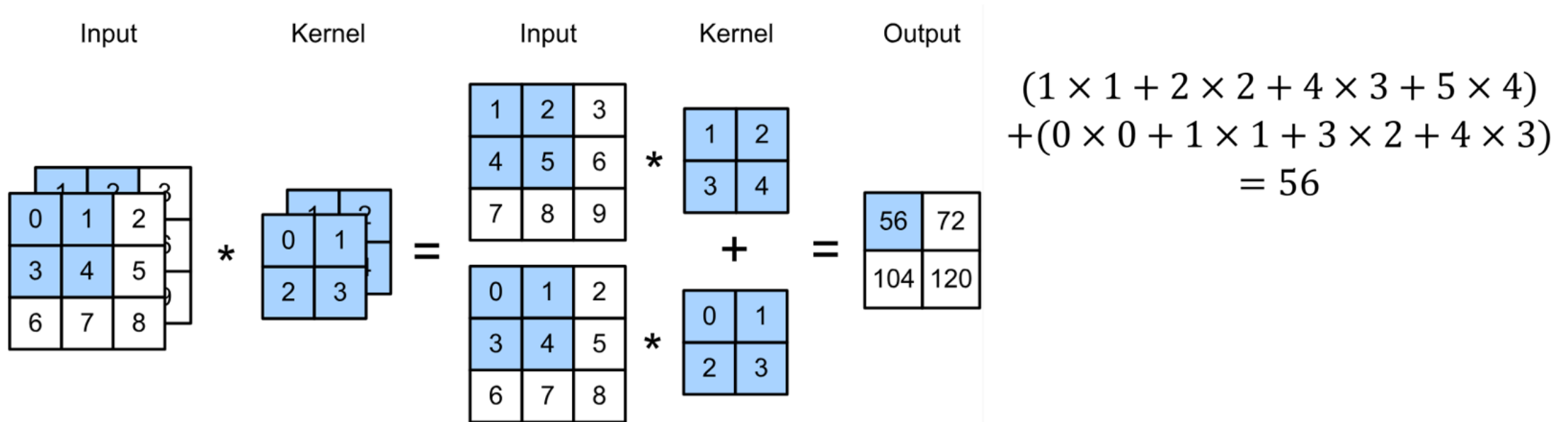
- Properties

- Input: volume $c_i \times n_h \times n_w$ (channels x height x width)
- Hyperparameters: # of kernels/filters c_o , size $k_h \times k_w$, stride $s_h \times s_w$, zero padding $p_h \times p_w$
- Output: volume $c_o \times m_h \times m_w$ (channels x height x width)
- Parameters: $k_h \times k_w \times c_i$ per filter, total $(k_h \times k_w \times c_i) \times c_o$



Multiple Input Channels

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Convolutional Layers: Channels

- How to integrate multiple channels?
 - Have a kernel for each channel, and then sum results over channels

$$\mathbf{X} : c_i \times n_h \times n_w$$

$$\mathbf{W} : c_i \times k_h \times k_w$$

$$\mathbf{Y} : m_h \times m_w$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \sum_{i=0}^{c_i} \mathbf{X}_{i,:,:} \star \mathbf{W}_{i,:,:}$$

“Slices” of tensors

Tensor: generalization of matrix to higher dimensions

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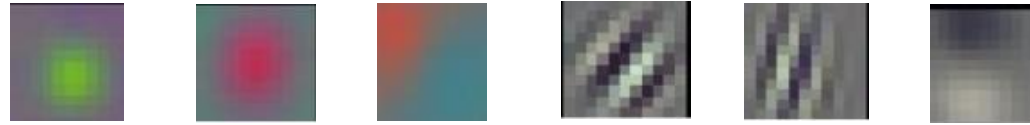
- Output $\mathbf{Y} : c_o \times m_h \times m_w$

$$\mathbf{Y}_{i,:,:} = \mathbf{X} \star \mathbf{W}_{i,:,:,:}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, c_o$

Multiple Input/Output Channels

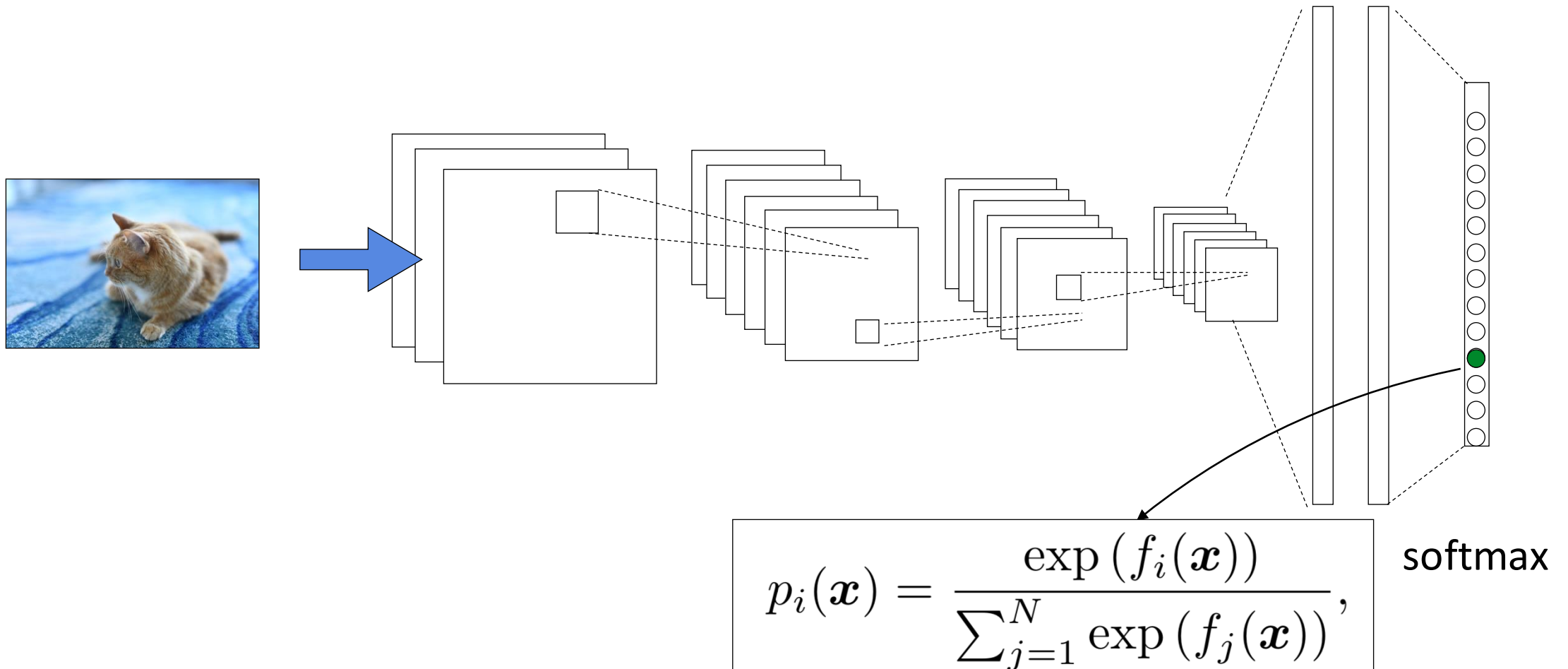
- Each 3-D kernel may recognize a particular pattern



(Gabor
filters)

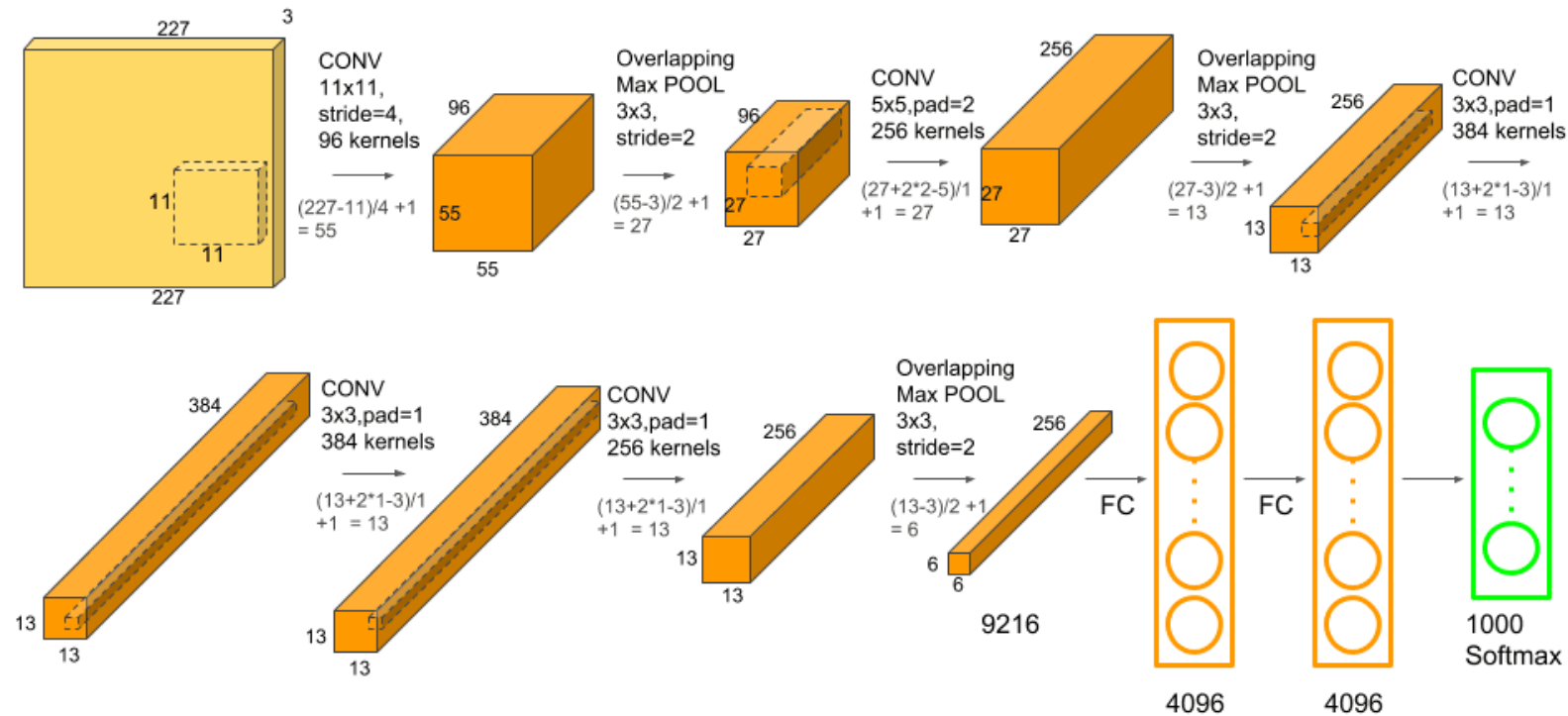
Training a CNN

- Q: so we have a bunch of layers. How do we train?
- A: same as before. Apply softmax at the end, use backprop.



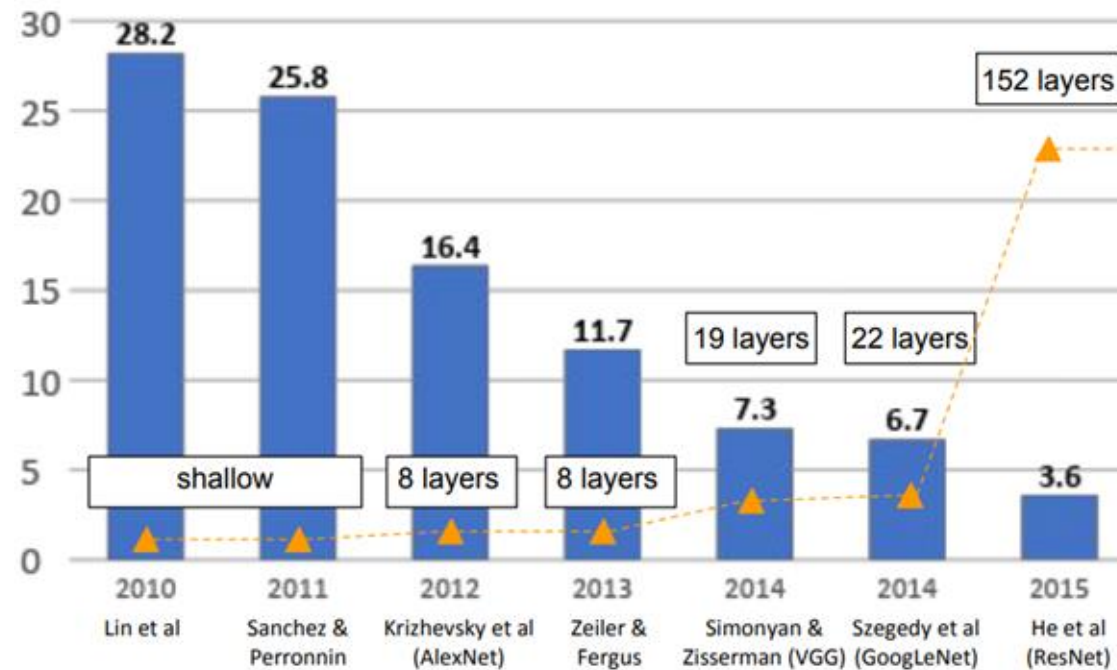
CNN Architectures: AlexNet

- First of the major advancements: AlexNet
- Wins 2012 ImageNet competition
- Major trends: deeper, bigger LeNet



Evolution of CNNs

ImageNet competition (error rate)



Credit: Stanford CS 231n

Data Augmentation

Augmentation: transform + add new samples to dataset

- Transformations: based on domain
- Idea: build **invariances** into the model
 - **Ex:** if all images have same alignment, model learns to use it
- Keep the label the same!



Data Augmentation: Examples

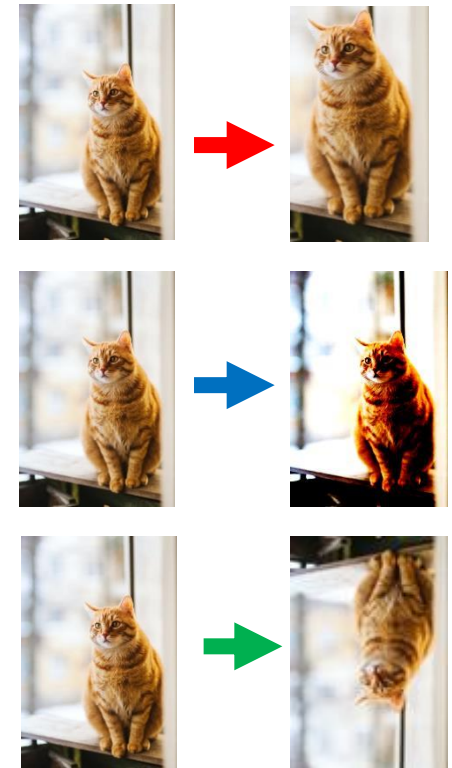
Examples of transformations for images

- **Crop** (and zoom)
- **Color** (change contrast/brightness)
- **Rotations+** (translate, stretch, shear, etc)

Many more possibilities. Combine as well!

Q: how to deal with this at **test time**?

- A: transform, test, average





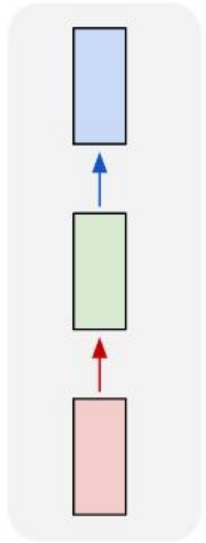
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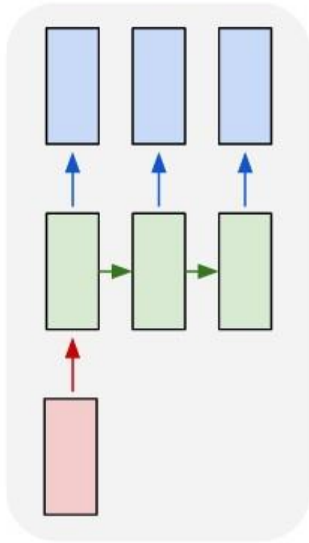
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Tasks We Can Handle with NNs?

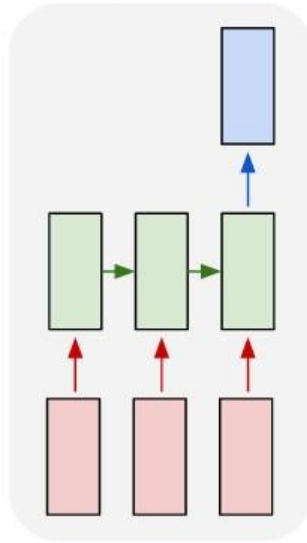
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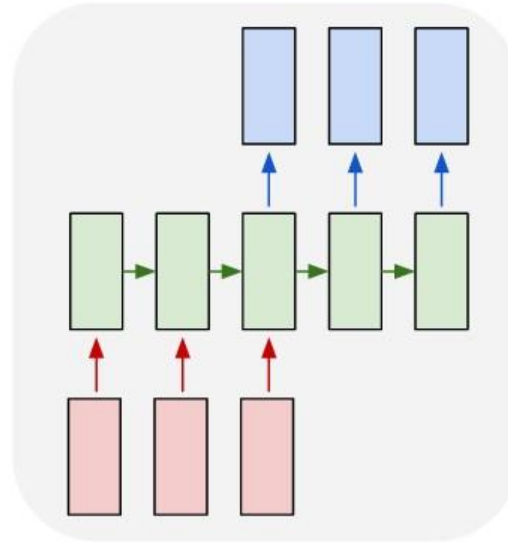
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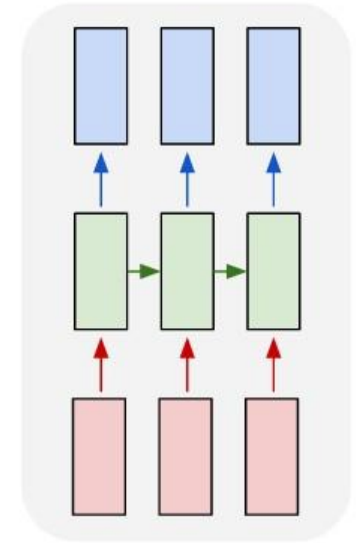
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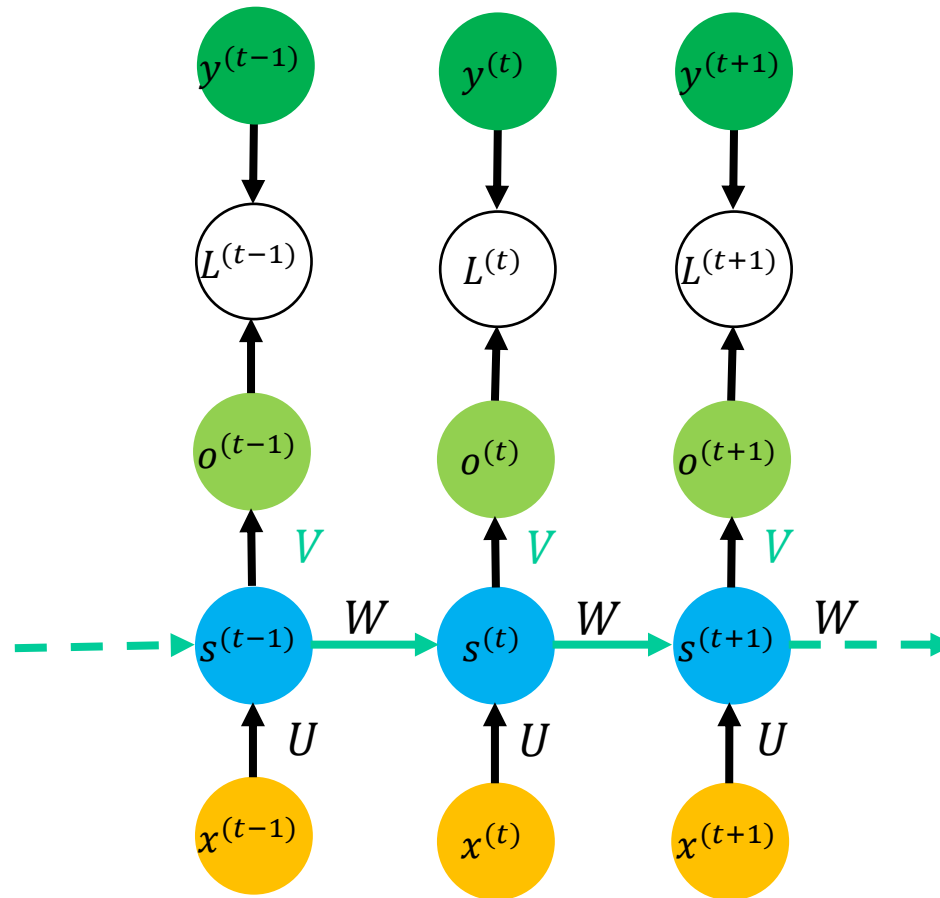
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- Mostly talked about (1) so far
 - Others: need a new kind of model

Neural Networks: Simple RNNs

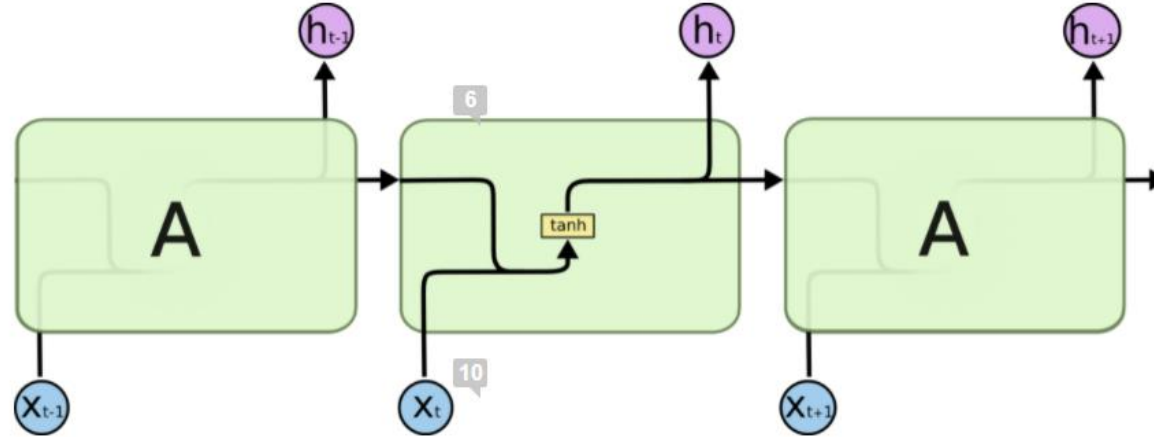
- Classical RNN variant:



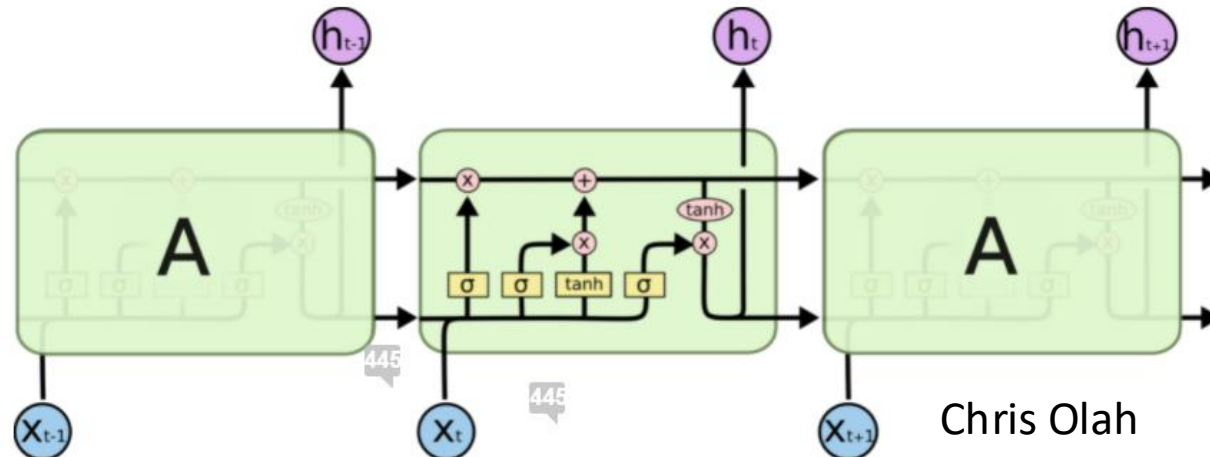
$$\begin{aligned}a^{(t)} &= b + Ws^{(t-1)} + Ux^{(t)} \\s^{(t)} &= \tanh(a^{(t)}) \\o^{(t)} &= c + Vs^{(t)} \\\hat{y}^{(t)} &= \text{softmax}(o^{(t)}) \\L^{(t)} &= \text{CrossEntropy}(y^{(t)}, \hat{y}^{(t)})\end{aligned}$$

Neural Networks: LSTMs

- RNN: can write structure as:

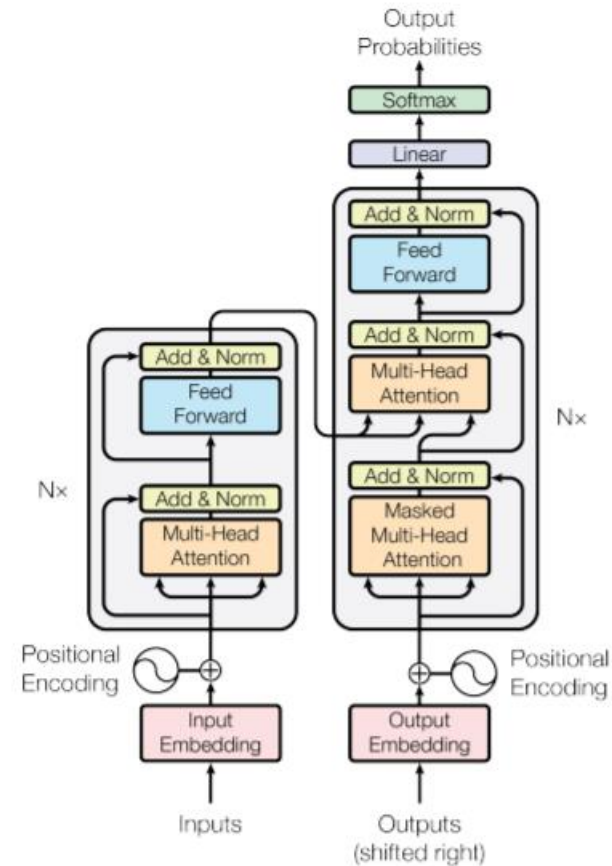


- Long Short-Term Memory: deals with problem. Cell:



Neural Networks: Transformers

- Initial goal for an architecture: **encoder-decoder**
 - Get **rid of recurrence**
 - Replace with **self-attention**
- Architecture
 - The famous picture you've seen
 - Centered on self-attention blocks



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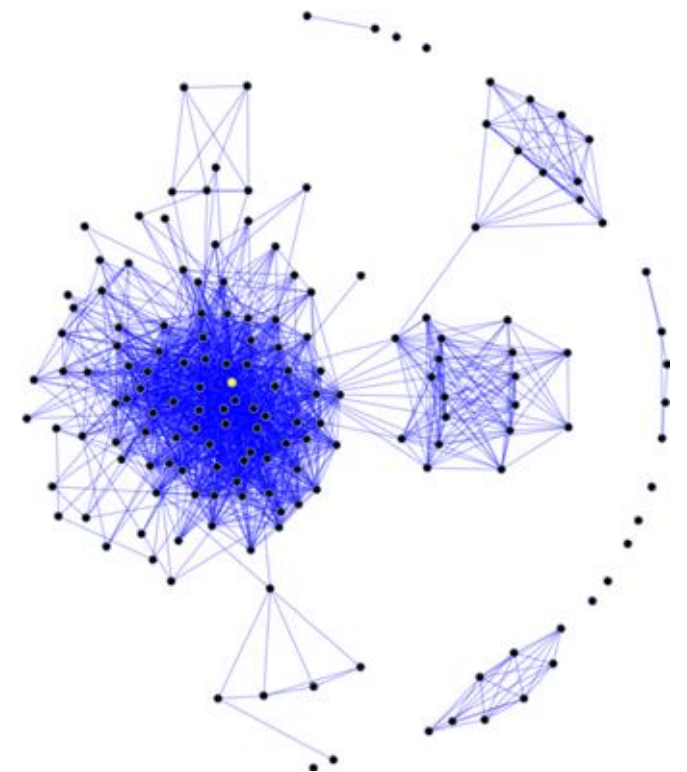


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Relationships in Data

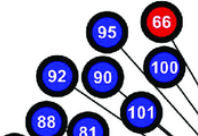
So far, all of our data consists of points

- Assume all are independent, “unrelated” in a sense $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)$
- Pretty common to have relationships between points
 - **Social networks**: individuals related by friendship
 - **Biology/chemistry**: bonds between compounds, molecules
 - **Citation networks**: Scientific papers cite each other

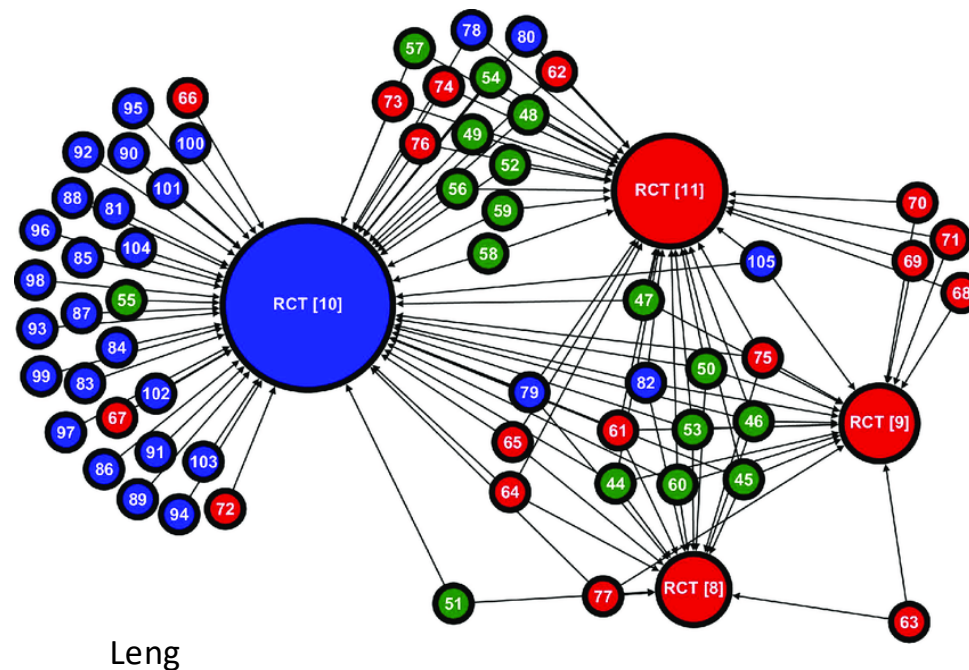


Wiki

Graph Neural Networks: Motivations

- We'll do this via “**graph neural networks**”
 - Canonical dataset: **citation networks**.
 - Instances are scientific papers
 - Labels: subfield/genre
 - Graphs: if a paper cites another, there's an edge between them
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Note: other features as well (text)



Graph Neural Networks: Approach

- **Idea:** want to use the graph information in our predictions.
- **Semi-supervised aspect:** don't need all the graph's nodes to be labeled---use network to predict unlabeled nodes.
 - We'll see **much more** of this for foundation models!
- Traditional approach: GNNs keep hidden state at a node

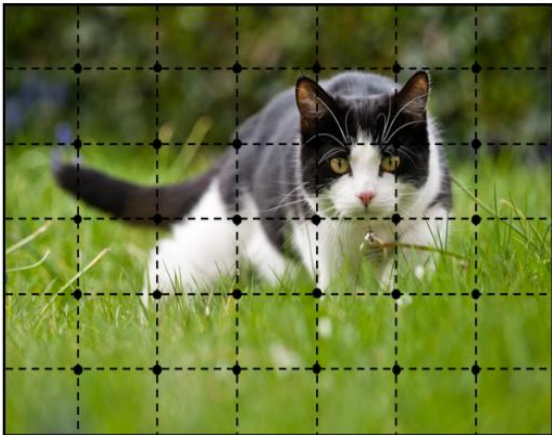
$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(t)} = \sum_{u \in N(v)} f(\mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_{(v,u)}^e, \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{h}_u^{(t-1)})$$

Node embedding at time step t

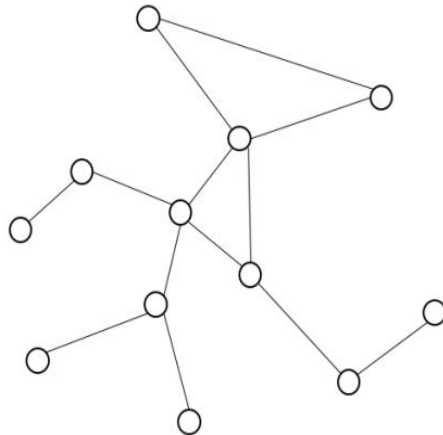
Node features Edge features Neighbor embedding at previous step

Improvements: Convolution GNNs

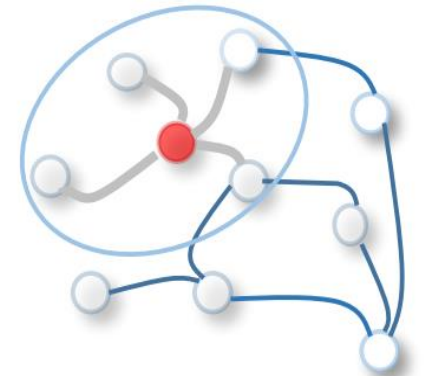
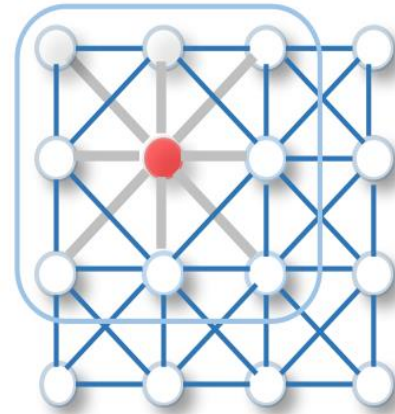
- How do we lift this convolution notion concept to graphs?
- Pixels: arranged as a very regular graph
- Want: allow more general configurations (less regular)



Zhou et al, Graph Neural Networks: A Review of Methods and Applications



Wu et al, A Comprehensive Survey on Graph Neural Networks

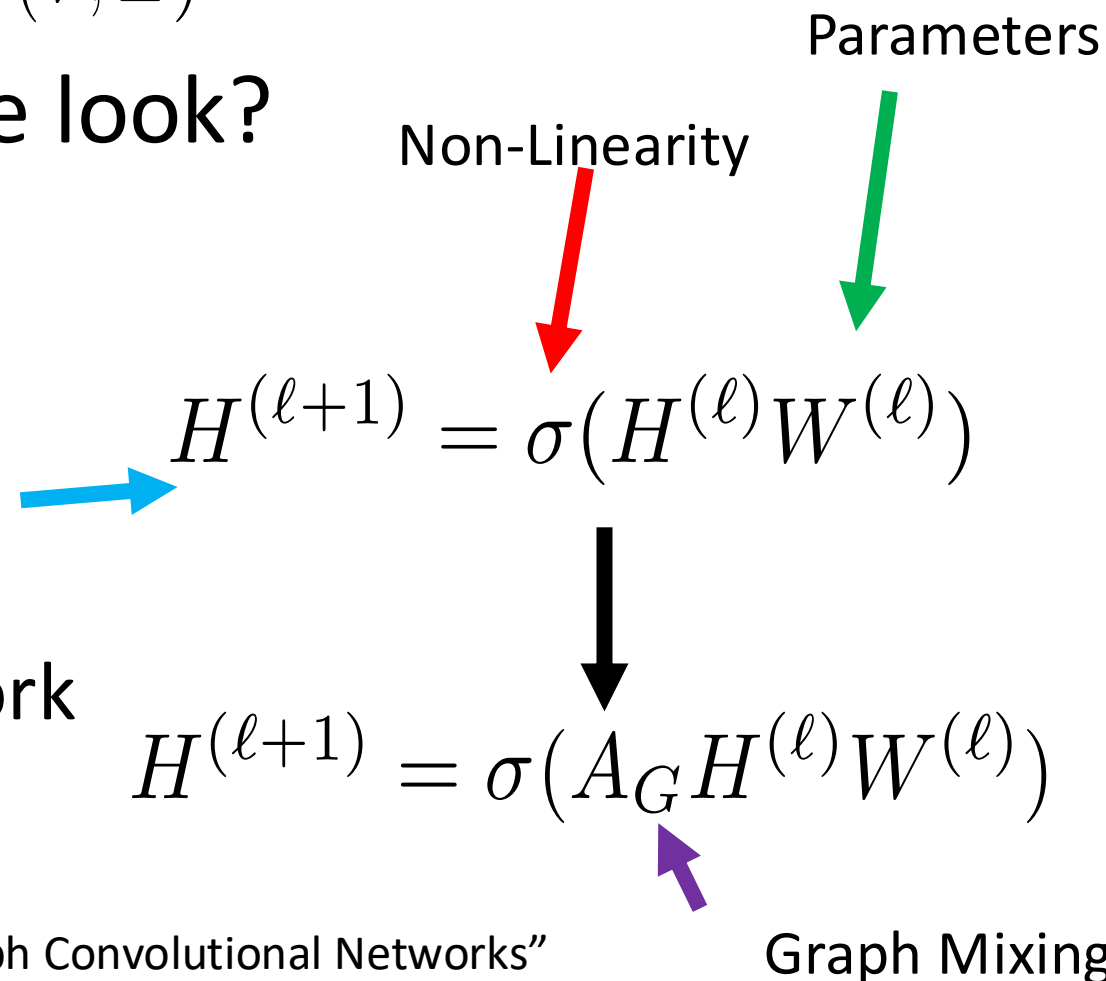


Graph Neural Networks (GCNs)

Have: $(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n), G = (V, E)$

How should our new architecture look?

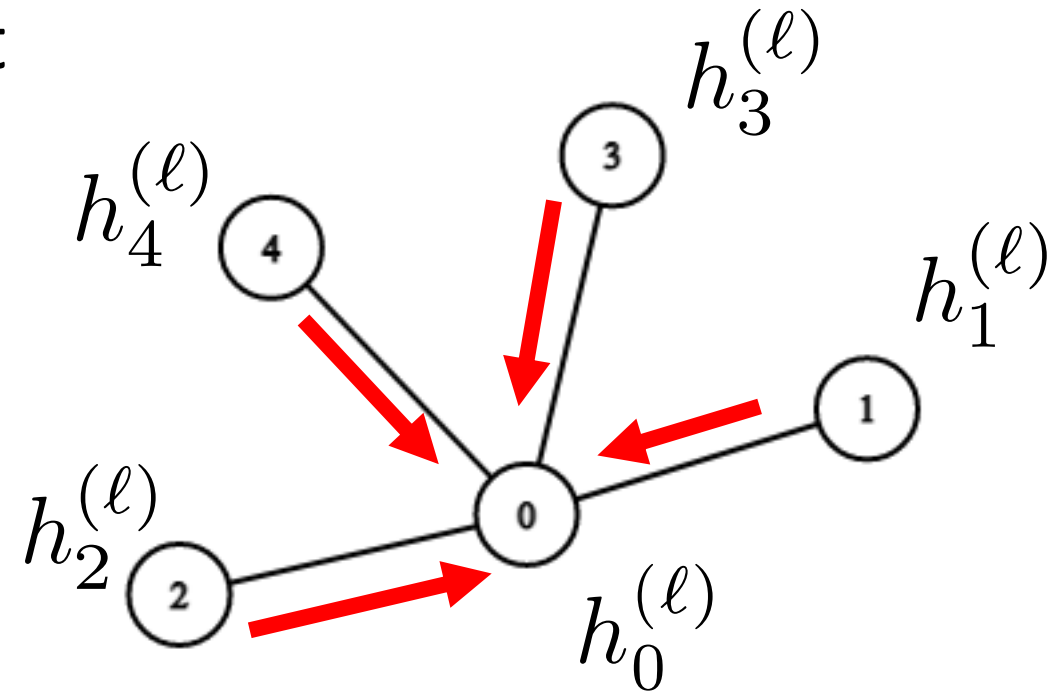
- Still want layers
 - linear transformation + non-linearity
- Now want to integrate neighbors
- Bottom: graph convolutional network



Graph Convolutional Networks (GCN)

Let's examine the GCN architecture in more detail

- Difference: “graph mixing” component
- At each layer, get representation at each node
- Combine node's representation with neighboring nodes
- “**Aggregate**” and “**Update**” rules



Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs)

- **GCN** two layer network has a very simple form:

$$f(X, A) = \text{softmax}(A\sigma(AXW^{(0)})W^{(1)})$$

